



WARNERS CHAPEL



MESSENGER

"This then is the message which we have heard of Him,
and declare unto you" 1 John 1:5

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HOW DO YOU WANT YOUR FUNERAL?

Moses E. Lard, a great Gospel preacher of more than a generation ago, in his preaching told of the following pathetic event: He had a very dear friend who was a successful lawyer and withal an excellent man in every way in the estimation of the world, but he was not a Christian. He took sick, and it soon became evident both to him and to his friends that he would die in a little while. He sent for his close friend, Brother Lard, who was glad to respond and render the dying man any assistance he might be able to confer upon him. He made the visit, and, after the usual salutations were exchanged, the sick man said:

"Mr. Lard, I would not have you think that I have sent for you with any idea that you can do me any good in my dying hour, for such is not the case, I know that when I die, I will go to perdition and there is no help for me."

"Why," said Brother Lard, "Don't you think there is any hope?"

"Hope, Mr. Lard; talk not to me about hope. For twenty-five years I have understood the gospel and my duty under it as well as you do, and during all that time, I have refused to obey the Lord Jesus Christ. I have lived a life of disobedience and am dying in my

sins, and where Christ is I cannot go. I am lost—eternally lost. I sent for you to preach my funeral, and I don't want any sentimentalism about it. I want you to tell my friends and neighbors that while you are preaching my funeral I am in hell and inform them that I requested you to tell them this; I want you to use my case to warn others against the life of disobedience that I have lived, least they; die without hope, as I am dying and go to hell, as I am about to do."

This introduces us to an honest man face to face with the fearful realities, and EVERY ONE who reads this ought to be warned against the fatal mistake that he made. He who doesn't want this kind of a funeral can change it, if he will now.

-----The Gospel Guide, via Gospel Digest.

Peter: "What shall the end be of them that OBEY NOT the gospel of God? (1 Pet. 4:17)"

Paul: "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from Heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God and that OBEY NOT the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ."

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Sixty-nine were present for our service Wednesday night. This is not quite as many as usual!

Our attendance was short Sunday night because of the Baccalaureate services held at Lewisville and South Fork.

APPRECIATION

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for all the nice cards and kindnesses shown to me and my family during my recent illness."

Sincerely, Helen Warner

Helen came home from the hospital Wednesday.

Brother and Sister Herbert Harper and family from Nashville are visiting relatives and friends here.

Brother Glenn Elam is recovering from an operation in City Hospital.

We will miss Sister Hazel Sweet and children who have gone to California to live.

Sister Johnsie Moser has missed part of the services because Michael has had the measles.

OUR SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Study.....10:00 A. M.
Worship.....11:00 A. M.
Worship..... 7:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies Bible Class... 2:00 P. M.
Mid-week Service..... 7:30 P. M.

THURSDAY

Men's Training Class. 7:30 P. M.

A WELCOME AWAITS YOU IN ALL OUR SERVICES

RADIO PROGRAMS

Hear these programs every Sunday. Invite your friends to listen. Your comments concerning these program will be appreciated. Speakers on these programs will be glad to answer your Bible questions.

EVERY SUNDAY

WAIR.....9:00 A. M.
WTOB.....9:15 A. M.
WAIR- ABC.....1:00 P. M.
WAAA.....1:45 P. M.

OUR BIBLE SCHOOL RECORD

Attendance last Sunday.....140
Attendance a week ago.....130
Attendance a year ago.....104
Average attendance for 1951.....105
Average attendance thus far 1952.....119

WE ARE GROWING! LET'S KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

HATS OFF TO THE RATTLESNAKE

Brother Leroy Brownlow tells a story that goes something like this: Once upon a time, there was a family of wayward church members who had once been active, but who had lost interest and fallen away. There was the father, and three sons: Jim, John, and Sam. The elders had talked to them about their lost condition. The preacher had done every thing and said every thing within reason that he could think of to lead them to repentance. Many of their brethren had tried to encourage them, but nothing seemed to help in the least.

One day when the boys were out in the pasture, a large rattlesnake bit John, and he became very ill. The physician was called, and after an examination, he pronounced John in a critical condition. Said he, "About the only thing left now is prayer. You had better call your elders and your preacher in at once." Acting upon this advice, the old man called the preacher, and in tears, told him of John's condition, and urged him to gather the elders, and come to John's bedside as soon as possible

The preacher arrived on the scene in due time, and was asked to lead the prayer for John's recovery. This is what he prayed: "Oh, wise and righteous Father, we thank thee that thou hast in thy wisdom, sent this rattlesnake to bite John, in order to bring him to his senses. He has not been in the church house for years, and it is very doubtful that he has in all this time until now felt any need of prayer. Now we trust that this will prove a valuable lesson to him, and that it may lead to genuine repentance. And now, oh Father, wilt thou send another rattlesnake to bite Jim, and another

to bite Sam, and another BIG ONE to bite the old man? We have all been doing every thing we know for years to restore them, but to no avail. It seems therefore, that what all our combined efforts would not do, this rattlesnake has done. We thus conclude that the only thing left that will do this family any good is rattlesnakes; so Lord send us bigger and better rattlesnakes. In the name of Jesus Amen."

----Mississippi Christian.

Editor's Note: I wonder if we could not use a few rattlesnakes in this section of North Carolina; this illustrates how sometimes it takes a tragedy to make people feel the need of God. Let us all serve the Lord while we are in good health, and able to do service for him.

WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER?

If you go to church Sunday morning because you love the Lord, don't you love him Sunday night?

If you go to church Sunday morning because you feel that you are drawn closer to God, don't you want to be closer to him Sunday night?

If you go to church Sunday morning because the Bible says, "not forsaking the assembling," doesn't it still say the same thing Sunday night?

If you go to church Sunday morning because you want to learn more about God, don't you want to learn Sunday night?

If you go to church Sunday morning because you are a Christian, do you cease being one at the close of the morning service?

THINK IT OVER---COME SUNDAY NIGHT!

-----Selected.

Your teeth may be false, but let your tongue be true.

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VACATION TIME

THIS CHURCH MUST FLY

Now it came to pass as the summer days grew hotter that Mr. Church-member lifted up his eyes unto the hills and said, "Lo, the hot days have come, and even now are at hand. Come, let us go unto the shore where the cool breezes refresh and where glorious scenes await!"

"Thou speakest wisely," said Mrs. Church-member, "yet there are three, yea, even four things we must do before we depart."

"Three things I can think of," responded Mr. Church-member, "but not four. We must arrange for our flowers to be watered and cared for; our paper must be discontinued; and we see that our mail is forwarded. But the fourth eludes my mind."

"The fourth is like unto the first three; yea, it is even more important than them all. Thou shalt dig down in thy purse," saith Mrs. Church-member, "and contribute thine offerings, that the good work of the church may continue, and that it may be well with thee. For, verily, I say unto thee that thou hast more money than thou wilt when thou doest return."

And it came to pass that Mr. Church member gave his offering for the vacation period, and the work of the Lord went on unhampered.

----Church of Christ Reminder,
Little Rock, Ark.

A negro minister preaching to new flock for the first time, he said: "Now, brethern and sistern, I'm goin' to make this church run." An old brother sitting in the amen corner said: "Praise the Lord!" The minister continued: "Brethern, I'm goin' to make this church get up and fly." Again the old brother said: "Praise the Lord, Amen!" Finally the minister reached his real point, "Brethern it's goin' to take money, ---lots of money to make this church fly!" The old brother got up and said: "Let's let her walk, brother; let's let her walk!"

----Selected.

Note: To many of our brethern feel the same way. Let's give as the Lord has prospered us, and then we will be able to do more work for the Lord. The Church here is continually getting calls for help from small churches in this state and also from other places. If all our members gave of their means as the Lord teaches we would be able to help more. "Put them in mind....., to be ready to every good work. Tit. 3:1. Let us give that we may be ready to participate in all the good work possible.

The church is fairly well supplied with conductors. But it show a shortage of engineers, and overplus of brakemen.

---Selected.